THE NICHOLLS' LECTURE.

The lecture given by Mr. J. A. Nicolls, Dominion Alliance organizer, on Wednesday evening last was fairly well attended and a most respectful hearing was given him. He is, of course, a forcible speaker, eloquent at times and fairly happy in illustration, has hobnobbed with the Hon. Neal Dow, of Maine, and been for a long time engaged in the "war", yet we feel certain few lectures have been given that left less of the inspiration for unanimity of action than his.

He urged all temperance workers to remember they were engaged in a 'war' not a "battle" merely, and if defeat was in store for them on Dec. 4, they must be prepared to keep their armour on. He narrated at length the steps taken to secure the passing of the Act in Manitoba, framed, as he reminded them, by a temperance man, rehearsed the votes taken in Ontario and the promises of Sir Oliver Mowat and of Hon. G. W. Ross which he claimed were violated by the act now introduced.

Mr. Nicholls represents that class of temperance men who whine at the alleged unfair conditions surrounding the referendum, who think that the government with a small majority should assume the full responsibility for an act which they at the same time think can not secure the support of 40 per cent of the electorate.

Mr. Nicholls' view of the situation reaches not beyond the coming elections. He had scarcely a word of exhortation for the temperance forces to press forward and take the half loaf possible rather than no bread. He has evidently already entered into the shadow of his expected defeat on Dec. 4th next, and the depressing influence permeates his lecture. There is no green spot on which to rest his eye, Mr. Whitney offers nothing better and should be punished too and paradoxical as it may seem we gathered the idea from the lecturer's remarks that what is "up to us" now is to punish Whitney and men of his views by defeating Ross! Thus it is, Mr. Nicholls' view is centred on the elections, on the necessity of beating Ross, not on general principles, not because he is the most advanced temperance statesman in Canada, not because there is anything better in sight, (for there is nothing approaching it), but because he gives an act by which the views of two temperance men voting, would prevail over all others voting and all others staying at home, by which 2 men would make laws for 5, for this is practically what 50 per cent of the vote of 1898 means.

We still insist the referendum idea is not new though the name is in use for the first time here. The Scott Act was first passed in parliament and brought into force, when, subsequently, the people voted on it and carried it. This is a larger kind of Scott Act, open no doubt to some objections, but there is no use, while Quebec is in the way, in demanding prohibition of manufacture and importation — which must come from the Dominion.

There are those who see no use in this bill who thought it all right when introduced by Mr. Hugh John McDonald in Manitoba and the objections all go to show that in the minds of the vast majority of temperance voters politics hold first place.

As to the demand for holding the vote at the time of the general or municipal elections, there is logic and honesty in it if made on the plea of expense, but, if desired, as is openly professed so as to get a larger vote, it is neither logical nor honest. If there are not enough interested voters to leave home to vote for temperance on its own merits, why desire a catch vote. The vote on the referendum will show truly the temperance strength of the country, and if stones be thrown at it by temperance men and temperance leaders they will make a cairn to commemorate a stage in the "war" when Principle went down before Politics, and the demoralization of the forces will become so great that no leader on either side will for twenty years, bend so low as to do them reverence, while the destruction of confidence within the ranks, will prevent leadership there.

The course for temperance men to pursue is to unite on this referendum, to roll up such a vote as will humiliate those who it is alleged, gave it grudgingly or those who oppose it. If their opponents decide to stay at home, all right, staying at home will be consistent for them,—they want no change, but why in the name of common sense should temperance people stay at home, as Mr. Nicholls says is in contemplation in some places, after having asked for change? It is the pout of the wilful child, who is not satisfied when he gets what he asks.

If they cannot take the 50 per cent required, which means about 37 per cent of the whole electorate, let them at least beat all previous votes. Aim high, if you dont get what you aim at you will get higher than if you didn't aim at all.

North Egremont.

Our best news this week and hence the first, is the marked improvement in the health of Miss Martha Hornsby, who has been suffering for some time. We hope the improvement may continue.

Miss Mary Hill, neice of Mr and Mrs D Coleridge, Sr, left the beginning of the week for her home in Sydenham.

Mr Jos Lawrence vacated the house occupied for some years by him, and is now comfortably settled on the rear half of Lot 5, 22 Con. John Lawrence Jr has moved across the road to the one vacated by his brother, and which was bought by him some time ago. Wm J McFadden is again on the old farm lately left by John Lawrence. A move all round. We wish each, with their families, every success in their new surroundings.

We are having our share of the glorious spring. Plowing has now become quite general, and should it continue, will help the short feed out wonderful.

Mrs Jos Moore is a little indisposed at present time. Hope to hear of her recovery soon.

Mr Arthur Hann is in Toronto at present collecting some of his old outstanding debts and notes.

ORANGE HILL

Spring is here again and the farmers will soon be busy with their seeding.

Miss Tena McMillan is home from Toronto. Look sharp boys or she will be away again.

What is wrong with our boys when a girl had to take a boy's place at a party in our burg not long ago.

Boothville should not be hard on the boys who play games, as Boothville has spent evenings that has not been forgotten.

Mr Arch Bell, of Cedarxille, accompanied by A Ferguson of this place called on some friends around here. A would rather go north.

Mr and Mrs W Sackett of New England. Sundayed at N McFadden's

Rev. J Hastie, of Belgrave, called on his sister, Mrs Kinnell, for a short stay.

Mr Bacon, of Harriston, was in our burg on a business trip.

J Ferguson had a successful wood bee last week.

Our dressmaker, Miss J Kinnell is home again. Welcome J.

Mr Sandy McDonald passed through here. S thinks the uninterested should retire earlier.

Mrs D McDonald is home from Osprey where she has been visiting friends.

Mr Herb Childs, of Boothville, was in our burg. H thinks that working on a black board would be better than cutting wood.

We can hear the hum of Hughie's chopper, chopping grain for his stock. He wants a wind-mill now.

The weather is getting colder, so look out for more snow or rain.

ABOUT VACCINE.

Compulsory Vaccination is in force in both Brant and Walkerton and the Telescope last week narrates the historical discovery of the practice and its results as follows:

The origin of Dr. Jenner's discovery is one of those things that everybody professes to know all about, and yet few really remember. Just now it is worth while to tell the story, especially as it can be told in a few words. Small-Pox when Jenner made his first experiment was a terrible and universal scourge; in London alone for every thousand deaths one hundred were small-pox cases, and men and women horribly pitted with the disease were numerous in all classes of society. It came to Dr. Jenner's knowledge that in certain districts of Gloucestershire persons engaged in tending cows were liable to infection from a disease of the udder, which they called cow-pox, and that persons so suffering never caught small-pox. Investigating what some would have regarded "as an old wife's tale" he found that it was so, and it occurred to him to inoculate persons with cow-pox as a preventive of the dire and dreaded plague of small-pox. One of his chief ventures was to take the matter from the hands of a woman who had caught cow-pox. He inserted it into the arm of a healthy boy of eight who suffered from the disease in the ordinary more or less harmless way of cow-pox. Six weeks afterwards he inoculated this boy with the small-pox poison in several places, but no disease followed the operation. Upon this Jenner began to talk and work and make known his theory and practice of vaccination as a preventive, and small-pox began to decline from 100 deaths in a thousand to 88, and so on, becoming less and less in every decade until with free vaccination to the poor in 1858, and compulsory vaccination in 1867 it fell to 11 in the 1000. At the present time, in spite of the recent outbreak, (owing largely no doubt to the neglect of vaccination among sceptics) it is but a fractional percentage of the death rate. Better food, improved sanitation, greater cleanliness, and better knowledge of hygiene have no doubt helped to stamp out the disease, but of the blessings of Dr. Jenner's discovery the whole world bears witness.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The meeting of this body held on Seed Fair Day was not largely attended but was interesting and fairly successful. The Society is fortunate in having secured an energetic Secretary in Miss K. Dixon and the other officers are all alive to their duties.

Directors were appointed as follows: Durham and locality, Mrs. T. Brown. Glenelg, Mrs. G. Binnie. Holstein and district, Mrs. Rodgers. Dromore and district, Miss B. Lothian.

Miss J. Brown and Miss Maude McGillivray were appointed auditors for the Institute year. A meeting has been arranged for at the home of the president, Mrs. T. McGirr on Wednesday, May 14, at which Mrs. T. McGirr and Miss McGillivray will give papers on gardening.

The President and Secy. each gave papers at the meeting of Tuesday work on subjects connected with Institute work.

Mrs. W. J. Derby, Vickers, and Mrs. David McCrae, of Normanby, were appointed Directors at a previous meeting.

There are still a few districts which the board would like to see represented by directors, and they hope they will be able to get representation at future meetings by coming out.

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VICKERS

Rev Mr Pomeroy who has been very sick with la grip, occupied his pulpit again last Sunday.

Mrs Fraser who has spent the winter with her daughter in Hamilton, returned home last Monday.

Mr Wm McCulloch had a successful auction sale last week.

Mr Sims, of Owen Sound, visited his daughter, Miss Sims, the teacher, last week.

Miss Aggie Bailey, from Hamilton, is visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs Thos Bailey, at present.

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